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- FIFTH ROUND; SECOND MEETING, JULY 24, 1978

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RW MESSAGE NO. 3

1. SUMMARY: AT SECOND MEETING OF ROUND FIVE, SOVREP INDICATED BROAD BUT NOT COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF FOUR ELEMENTS PRESENTED BY THE U.S. ON MAY 4, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES IN ART. VI AND ANNEX OF SOV OCTOBER DRAFT PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE VERIFICATION, AND MAINTAINED THAT JOINT INITIATIVE SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO CCD IN FORM OF ENTIRELY AGREED DRAFT CONVENTION. SOVREP ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE ISSUE OF INDUCED RADIATION WEAPONS BE DISCUSSED IN PARALLEL WITH RW NEGOTIATIONS. USREP SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY SOVIET REACTION TO U.S. MAY 4 PROPOSALS, BUT NOT BY SOVIET POSITION ON VERIFICATION. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL RELATING TO INDUCED RADIATION WEAPONS GAVE USDEL "A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENTIAL

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TROUBLE." END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND MEETING OF ROUND FIVE OF US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WAS HELD ON JULY 24 AT U.S. MISSION.

3. AMB. LIKHATCHEV (HEAD OF SOVDEL) STATED THAT USSR

AGREED WITH U.S. THAT SCOPE AND OBJECT OF RW PROHIBITION SHOULD BE STATED IN FIRST FOUR "ARTICLES," AND THAT WHILE SOVIETS HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE U.S. WORDING ON SCOPE, THEY HAD FOUND IT NECESSARY TO REFORMULATE A NUMBER OF POINTS FOR GREATER PRECISION. SOVDEL PRESENTED THEIR PROPOSED VERSION FOR ARTICLES I-V. PRINCIPAL SOVIET CHANGES IN THE U.S. FORMULATIONS ARE REPLACEMENT OF "DISSEMINATION" WITH "USE" AND RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE TERM "WEAPON". ENGLISH TEXT AND USDEL ANALYSIS FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

4. SOVREP PROFESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE US REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION, BUT MAINTAINED THAT THE PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION SPELLED OUT IN ARTICLE VI AND ANNEX OF SOVIET OCTOBER 1977 DRAFT CONVENTION PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE VERIFICATION. HE THUS IMPLIED THAT SOVIETS CONTINUE TO REJECT ANY ON-SITE INSPECTION IN THE CONTEXT OF AN RW CONVENTION, EVEN IF REQUESTS FOR SUCH INSPECTIONS WERE INITIATED BY INDIVIDUAL STATES PARTY RATHER THAN THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. CLAIMING THE SOVIETS HAD MOVED A LONG WAY TO MEET THE US POSITION ON MANY IMPORTANT POINTS, LIKHACHEV CALLED ON THE US TO BE EQUALLY COOPERATIVE ON THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVENTION.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE FORM OF THE JOINT INITIATIVE, SOVDEL CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF AN AGREED DRAFT CONVENTION.

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TION TO THE CCD.

6. WHILE NOTING THAT THE USSR DID NOT INSIST ON EXTENDING THE RW CONVENTION TO COVER THOSE MEANS INCORPORATING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, AT THE END OF HIS STATEMENT LIKHACHEV PROPOSED THAT US-USSR DISCUSSIONS ON INDUCED-RADIATION WEAPONS BE CONDUCTED IN PARALLEL WITH THE ELABORATION OF AN RW CONVENTION BECAUSE THE EFFECT OF SUCH WEAPONS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS. NOTING THAT THE ISSUE OF INDUCED RADIATION WEAPONS HAD BEEN RAISED DURING THE PRECEDING ROUND (REF B), LIKHACHEV CHARACTERIZED THE PROPOSED DISCUSSION AS "CONTINUED" AND SUGGESTED IT COULD RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CCD.

7. AMB. FISHER EXPRESSED ENCOURAGEMENT AT SOVIET REACTION TO THE US MAY 4 PROPOSALS, BUT POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS DISHEARTENED BY SOVIET POSITION ON VERIFICATION AND SAID SOVIET STATEMENT WOULD BE STUDIED.

8. REGARDING SOV PROPOSAL ON INDUCED-RADIATION WEAPONS, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE LINKAGE IMPLIED IN THAT

PROPOSAL, AND STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD CREATE
SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN GENERAL.

9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28.

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